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48TH SESSION, JULY 5-7, 1977

1. SUMMARY, AGENDA ADOPTED. WP EXPRESSED CONCERN  
ABOUT INSUFFICIENT INTERVAL BETWEEN DISTRIBUTION OF  
DOCUMENTS AND MEETINGS. PART-TIME FARMING NOTES ON  
ITALY AND BELGIUM, CHAPTER ON FRANCE AND GENERAL  
CHAPTER DISCUSSED; ALL WILL GO TO COMM FOR AGR. FUTURE  
WORK DISCUSSED (PARS. 8 AND 9). NEXT MEETING DEC.  
6-8 OR 9. END SUMMARY.

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2. AGENDA ADOPTED, AGR/WP1/A(77)2. ON JULY 5-6, POPP IN  
CHAIR, JULY 7, A.M. HIRSCH, P.M. LEGER.

3. US DEL (HIRSCH) OBSERVED THAT THE PROBLEM OF  
INSUFFICIENT TIME BETWEEN DOCUMENT DISTRIBUTION AND  
MEETINGS HAS DETERIORATED. IT SEEMS THAT MORE DOCUMENTS

AND MORE VOLUMINOUS ONES ARE DISTRIBUTED SO SHORTLY BEFORE MEETINGS THAT STUDY AND FORMULATION OF CONSIDERED POSITIONS IS VIRTUALLY IMPOSSIBLE. HE ALSO ASKED THAT DOCUMENTS BE DATED WHEN ACTUALLY DISTRIBUTED AND NOT BY SOME KIND OF CONSTRUCTIVE DATE. FRENCH DEL (LEGER) AND CHAIR AGREED; FORMER DEMANDED A 2-WEEK MINIMUM BETWEEN DISTRIBUTION OF DOCUMENTS AND MEETINGS AS S.O.P. SECRETARIAT (RAIDL) THOUGHT DISTRIBUTION HAD BEEN TIMELY THIS TIME BUT ACKNOWLEDGED SEASONALLY HEAVY WORKLOAD ON TRANSLATORS. THEY COULD NOT SEE WHY AGRICULTURE SHOULD GET DOCUMENTS EARLIER WHILE OTHER HIGH-PRIORITY COMMITTEES SUCH AS EPC ARE CONTENT TO GET THEIRS TWO OR THREE DAYS BEFORE MEETINGS\*

4. COUNTRY NOTE ON ITALY PREPARED BY SECRETARIAT (LINDA FULPONI OF U.S.) BASED UPON DOCUMENTATION OF ISTITUTO NAZIONALE DI SOCIOLOGIA RURALE. INSTITUTE PRESIDENT BARBERIS SUMMARIZED NOTE, EXPLAINED LACK OF SUFFICIENT DATA HAD HANDICAPPED MISS FULPONI. FOUR MILLION PART-TIME FARMERS HAD BEEN "DETERCTED" THROUGH THE CENSUS OF POPULATION; HOWEVER, HE THOUGHT NUMBER OF PT FARMS (IN CONTRAST TO PT FARMERS) WAS AT THE MOST 1.8-2.0 MILLION. HE DISCUSSED THE PHENOMENON OF "PART-TIME FARMERS" IN THE SOUTH WHO WORK IN INDUSTRY IN MILAN OR EVEN STUTTGART. OTHERS MAY WORK IN INDUSTRY MQN FARMS BUT ON ANOTHER FARM. ITALIANS INCLUDE AMONG PART-TIME FARMERS THOSE TENDING ANY LAND, "NO MATTER HOW SMALL EXCEPT SCHREBERGAERTEN." UNCLASSIFIED

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(COMMENT: THIS APPERARS QUESTIONABLE DEFINITION, SINCE SCHREBERGAERTEN ARE NOT OF STANDARD SIZE.) CASSA DEL MEZZOGIORNO DOES NOT SUPPORT PTF BECAUSE IT IS AGAINST THEIR TECHNICAL REASONING.

4. THE CHAPTER ON FRANCE (AGR/WP1(77)8) WAS PRESENTED IN DETAIL BY FRENCH DEL (MR. FABRE ASSISTED BY MESSRS. HONORE, GERVAISEAU, LEGER AND QUESNEL) AND DISCUSSED WITH THE HELP OF THE "LIST OF QUESTIONS" (ADDENDUM TO THAT DOCUMENT). PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION FULLY REFLECTED IN THOSE DOCUMENTS.

5. BELGIAN DEL (DETRAUX) INTRODUCED BELGIAN NOTE. DISCUSSION CENTERED ON THE SOMEWHAT NEGATIVE OFFICIAL ATTITUDE TOWARD PTF. SINCE THE GOB AIMS AT IMPROVING AGRICULTURAL STRUCTURES IT DOES NOT FAVOR PTF.

6. SECOND DISCUSSION OF DRAFT GENERAL CHAPTER WENT INTO QUESTION OF PRODUCTIVITY OF PTF VS FULL-TIME FARMING. U.K. DEL (HENSHAW) THOUGHT PRODUCTIVITY OF PTF LESS. SECRETARIAT DISTINGHISHED LABOR PRODUCTIVITY FROM LAND PRODUCTIVITY (SEE PARS. 54, 66 AND 123). IT WAS AGREED THAT SUBPART

Q-E, TRENDS AND OUTLOOK FOR PTF WILL BE TRANSFERRED TO PART II WHICH WILL BECOME "SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS". THAT FINAL PART TO BE REWRITTEN AND CIRCULATED AND WRITTEN COMMENTS INVITED.

7. CHAPTER ON FRANCE, NOTES ON ITALY AND BELGIUM, AND GENERAL CHAPTER, AMENDED IN LIGHT OF DISCUSSION AND AFTER RECIRCULATION OF THE LATTER WILL BE TRANSMITTED TO COMM FOR AGR (OCT. MEETING) WITH RECOMMENDATION TO ASK COUNCIL TO DERESTRICT. A MODIFIED PAPER ON POLICY ISSUES (NOT FOR DERESTRICTION) TO GO BEFORE COMM FOR AGR AND COUNCIL.

8. OTHER BUSINESS. PROGRAM OF WORK: (1) EXPERTS' MEETING ON ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL INDICATORS IN EARLY 1978.  
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SECRETARIAT STRESSED EXTENT TO WHICH USE WILL BE MADE OF WORK DONE ELSEWHERE IN OECD. SEVERAL DELS SAID THEY WERE MORE INTERESTED IN ECONOMIC THAN IN SOCIAL INDICATORS; (2) EXPERTS' MEETING ON PERI-URBAN AGRICULTURE IN SECOND HALF NOVEMBER. FIRST HALF OF DOCUMENTS TO BE SENT OUT IN JULY (COMMENTS\$ DONE), SECOND HALF IN SEPTEMBER; (3) ALL DELS AND SECGEN SUPPORT ANNUAL POLICY REVIEW CONSISTING OF A GENERAL PART AND TO BE SUPPORTED BY COUNTRY NOTES, INCLUDING A SHORT NOTE ON THE NEW U.S. LEGISLATION. THERE WILL ALSO BE A TOPICAL STUDY ON ACTIONS IN THE CONSUMER FIELD.

9. NEXT MEETING DEC 6-8 OR 9. TOPICS: EXAMINATION OF CANADA; COUNTRY NOTES ON U.S. AND AUSTRALIA, EC SUPPLY MEASURES IN THE DAIRY SECTOR, FINLAND, RE-ORGANIZATION OF MARKETING SYSTEM IN AUSTRIA. PREPARATION OF PAPERS FOR MINISTERIAL MEETING MAY BE REFLECTED IN DECEMBER DISCUSSION. IN THIS CONNECTION, SUBJECT OF "FOOD POLICY" EXPOLORED. SECRETARIAT (RAIDL) MENTIONED POSSIBILITY OF AN AD HOC GROUP AFTER SEVERAL DEL' S INCLUDING U.S. STATED THAT THEY DID NOT WISH TO BE FACED WITH AN AD HOC GRPUP AS "FAIT ACCOMPLI". CHAIR RULED THAT WP WILL PRESENT ITS VIEWS TO SECRETARIAT, NOT OTHER WAY AROUND. NEXT MEETING WILL ALSO RETURN TO DISCUSSION OF GERMAN PROPOSAL ON INTERNATIONAL AGRICULTURAL POLICY; SEE OECD PARIS 13038, MAY 4, 1977, PAR. 3.  
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